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SUBJECT: USSR-JAPAN FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS

1. DURING VISIT BY SOVIET FISHERY MINISTER A.A. ISHKOV GEAR CONFLICT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. AGREEMENT IN FORM OF TREATY AND SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY GOVERNMENTS. DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, AGREEMENT HAS TERM OF VYE YEARS AND IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT JAPANESE COASTAL FISHING OPERATIONS OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN JAPAN.

2. FINAL COMMUNIQUE INDICATES IMPORTANCE OF GEAR CONFLICT AGREEMENT, PLANS FOR JOINT SALMON PROPAGATION IN SAKHALIN, NEED FOR COOPERATION AT U.N. L.O.S. CONFERENCE, DESIRABILITY EXPERT MEETINGS TO INCREASE COOPERATION IN FISHERIES, AGREEMENT TO HOLD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHERY PROBLEMS EVERY YEAR, AND CONFIRMS VISIT BY AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY MINISTER ABE TO THE USSR SOMETIME THIS YEAR.

3. MINISTER ABE HAS INDICATED THAT AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT HE WILL NOT PRESSURE FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING EXTENSION TO 12 MILES JURISIDCTION.

4. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPIES VARIOUS AGREEMENTS AND COMMUNIQUE.

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